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A Tender Salutation TO THE Flock of God, IN IRELAND.

DEarly tender and wel-beloved Friends, in the Covenant of Light and Life, you, whom the Lord in the riches of his love and tender mercy, hath visited, with a day of Salvation, you do our Souls dearly salute, with bowels of unfeigned love in Christ Jesus; desiring, that the visitation of the Lord might be effectual unto you, for your everlasting Redemption, and Salvation; For the Lord hath visited you in the *needful time*, with a glorious visitation, and heard the cry of the poor, who said in their hearts, *Where is he now, that will shew us any good; or where is the Lord, that should have pity on me? Is his mercy clean gone,*

or will his Salvation forever be hid from me? Oh thou tender birth, the Lord hath heard thy crys: Oh thou that hast been like a Dove without a Mate, and as a Pelican in the Wilderness! Oh the days of thy comforting are come and coming: wherefore keep thou in the tenderness before the Lord and he will have mercy on thee, thou that didst sit in *Solitary Places, and mourned apart for the Lord*; he hath heard thy sighings and thy groanings. O thou afflicted Daughter of *Sion*, the Lord will comfort thee, and lay thy Foundation with Stones of fair colours; (yea he hath laid thy Foundation) which is the Rock of Ages, the Foundation of all the righteous Generations, the Lord, Jesus Christ, the elect and pretious; yea the chiefest of ten thousand; Oh this is he whom we waited for: Friends keep to him, and let him not go, part not with him for any thing of this World; and though sometimes you go through Tribulations and great Exercises, yet the Lord will comfort you, as you keep to him, and wait upon him in lowliness before him; for he will be the Comforter of his people.

So, dear Friends, faint not in your Journey, nor do not grow weary in your Tryals of what

what sort soever, but keep in the tenderness, and cry to the Lord, for he will hear you; for the full time is come: He has heard *Jacobs* crys, and seen *Josephs* afflictions, and he will arise and plead with the Nations for his Seeds sake, that have been grieved and oppressed; for the cry of his tender people have entred his ears who is the Lord of Sabboth; And therefore, dear Friends, wait in your *Tents* before him, and keep to your *strong Tower, the name of the Lord, which the righteous fled unto in all ages, and were preserved*; and as you keep here, the Lord will preserve you when he shall try the Children of men, and visit many with a day of Judgment in his sore displeasure, because they have rebelled against him, and his powerful Appearance by his Light and Spirit in their innermost parts.

Therefore we exhort you, *dear and tender Friends*, to bow before him who is the *Light* of the World and Salvation of mankind, the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom every knee must bow in mercy or in Judgment, for the Lord will bow all before him, the *tall Cedars and sturdy Oakes*, and all them that are like the *Bulls of Bashon*. Therefore keep you in the tender-

neſs and ſelf-denying life of Jeſus, that ſo he may crown you with Immortallity, and eternal Life.

And dear Friends, meet often together to wait upon the *Lord*, in the true ſincerity of your Hearts, that ſo you may feel the *Springs of Life* to run through your Aſſemblies to comfort every ſoul; then will you be fruitful unto the *Lord*, and God will delight to bleſs you; and you will be like a well watered Garden, and the *Lord* will ſmell a ſweet Savour in and amongſt you, and when he ſhall paſs through the *Land* with his Judgments upon the wicked, then *he will ſpare you, as a man ſpares his only Son that ſerves him.*

And ſo thus, *dear Friends*, take your poſſeſſion in the Munition of *Rocks* where your bread will be ſure, and the waters of *Life* will never fail you, in the *Lord* Jeſus Chriſt, who is the *Rock* of his People, and the ſtrong Tower of the Faithful; and ſo you being in him, fear not *Tryals* nor *Tribulations*, and though Diſtreſſes may come upon Nations; and great Judgments upon People who have been rebellious; yet in all this know, that the Lord is at work to get himſelf a glorious Name, amongſt the Gentiles,

tiles, in these *Northern Islands*; and in the Countries round about. Oh! the day of the Lord's visitation and breaking up of the Nations is now come, and a glorious Dispensation we are made partakers of, whom the Lord hath counted worthy to be a kind of first-fruits unto him, and as Sons of the Morning, therefore now shine forth as Stars in the Firmament of Gods eternal Power, that so the Nations may see and hear of the Lords mighty workings in and amongst us, that Nations may flow unto the goodness of our God, who is risen and arising, and going over many Nations to prepare a People for himself through his Judgments.

And much of this we have seen, and more yet may come to pass; for the great harvest of the Lord Almighty is come, and he is gathering, and will gather from the four Winds under Heaven *a royal people, and a chosen Generation* to renown his great and glorious Name, and to spread his fame from one end of the Earth to the other. Therefore ye that have been gathered by a mighty Arm of Power, shine forth in the Light of the Lord, which now is risen, for what may we say? *Our Light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen over the Nations, and Kings*

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shall come to our Light, and Gentiles to the brightness of the Lords arising.

Therefore come away all you that waited for the Salvation of God unto your Souls, for its now revealed & again made known in this latter Age and Generation of the World, and many the Lord hath raised up, and sent forth to Proclaim it to the Nations, for the gathering of the People unto Jesus, who is the great Saviour of mankind, and Light of the World; for *I have given him* (saith the Lord) *for a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and for to be my Salvation unto the ends of the Earth.*

Wherefore, O all ye ends of the Earth, look unto him and be ye saved; for the Lord is a God that changeth not, therefore Jacob *is not consumed, nor* Israel *quite forsaken;* for the Lord is a raising up of his spiritual *Israel*, which shall obtain the blessing; and happy will they all be who shall have a part with Gods *Israel* this day, though they may come through great Tribulation, and sore Exercises, yet the Lord will reward them, as he said to *Abraham, Fear not* Abraham, *for I will be thy Buckler and thy Shield, and thy exceeding great Reward.*

And so, *dear and tender Friends*, faint not in

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your Iourney, nor ſit down by the way, but go on in the Name of the *Lord*, and take your Poſſeſſion, in the everlaſting *Light* of *Jeſus*, and in the Kingdom of God forever, to reign with him under his Dominion, who is worthy, and over all God bleſſed forever; in whoſe Power and *Life* we ſalute you with a tender Salutation and a heavenly Greeting.

O all ye that are amongſt the Nations, and the gathered of the Lord, *Peace* be with you, and *Mercy* from God our Father, and from our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, in whoſe Name & Power go on & proſper, & the increaſe of God be with you, and amongſt you, that ſo the *Lords Thouſands* may be gathered and redeemed; from whom may go forth living *Praiſes* and heavenly *Thanks giving*, with *Dominion*, and *Glory* and *Hallelujahs* to God, who is worthy over all forever and for evermore, Amen, Amen.

From your Indeared Brethren, and Companions in the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, whoſe Souls deſire the proſperity of Sion, and the increaſing of the People and flock of God every where; whoſe names are,

Samuel Waldingfield
and Iohn Rallett.

Let this be read in the fear of the Lord in the *Aſſemblies* of his People.